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Regarding Reply Brief filed 10/18/2007,

said reply brief has been noted and made of record. No further action by the examiner is deemed necessary at the present time. Accordingly, this case is being forwarded to the BPAI for decision on the appeal.

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### APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

Sir:

This reply brief is responsive to the Examiner's Answer mailed on August 20, 2007, and is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed on February 14, 2006, and the Appeal Brief filed on May 2, 2007.